



# Member Interview

## Jean Howlett Interview

Our Parrot Head Profile this month features Jean Howlett. Jean and her husband Charlie moved to The Villages in June of 2005 and lived in the village of Virginia Trace. Three years ago they moved to their new home in La Belle North.

In 2008 some of their neighbors in Virginia Trace had joined the Parrot Head Club and told the Howletts what a fun club it was and that they do a lot of charity work. It sounded interesting to them so they came to a Phlocking and joined up! Jean is also a member of the Philadelphia Club, she participates in Honor Flight, the Genealogy Club, and is a member of an indoor table shuffleboard league that meets at Eisenhower Rec Center.

Jean was born and raised in Philadelphia but later moved to Bucks County, a suburb just north of Philadelphia. She and Charlie have two children and three grandchildren. Their daughter Stacy and granddaughter Madison moved to Florida in 2005, the same year Jean and Charlie moved down. Their son Scott and wife Jennifer and two grandkids, Kelsie and Chase, moved to Florida a year ago.

Before retiring to The Villages Jean worked in accounts receivables for various companies.

Jean has worked in our Phins Up shop at the Wednesday Mallory Phlockings for quite some time now. She has also been involved with the Golf Cart Poker Run on the basket making team, sold tickets for various club activities, she has co-chaired Himalayan Golf, and served on committees for our Christmas and Valentine parties, and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party.

Aside from these volunteer activities, Jean is our current Club Historian. She is responsible for maintaining the original scrapbooks and putting together additional scrapbooks containing certificates the club has been awarded, pictures and newspaper articles, and copies of our newsletter. It's an interesting project that she really enjoys and it shows how far the club has come since the beginning.

One of the things Jean enjoys most about the Parrot Head Club is the charity work that we do. It is so heart warming to see the positive impact that the club has had on so many lives and it is very fulfilling to feel a part of that effort. She says we can really see the results of our club's generosity when the checks are handed out to the recipients and they tell us just what will be done with the funds we have donated.

Jean would advise new members to start out small by volunteering to be part of a committee. You could volunteer as part of a decorating committee, or on the clean-up committee of any of the parties. You don't have to start right out heading up a committee. As you work with other members on any of our activities you'll get to know lots of people and have fun too!